

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
April 19, 2016 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on April 19, 2016 at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: Loren Hoffman, Rory Wiebel, Catherine Poduska and Lori Boren. Absent: Mike Cranston. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders and Pool Manager, Katey Forest.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from March 15, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Wiebel to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - March 15, 2016 to April 15, 2016. All restrooms and concession areas have been opened and portable restrooms have left the parks. There is an antique water fountain at Memorial Park that is broken and Siders is looking into parts for it. If we wish to keep a historic looking fountain there it will cost approximately \$1,000 if parts cannot be found for the existing one. Spring soccer is in full swing. Electrical work has been done at the pool and the hot/cold water situation has been fixed. Pool filters are next in line for improvements. A gas line has been trenched for the filters. JEM electric has put conduit in the bath house and chemicals have been ordered. Stained concrete will go down next week. Andy Warhol soup cans will be the 11th annual Chalk the Walk community piece. There are currently about 120 artists signed up right now. The Easter egg hunt was a huge success along with the Fireman's breakfast. The City has hired someone to operate and manage some of the gardens in town.
5. Discussion regarding modifications to the Swimming Pool rules. Boren stated that she had met with Katey Forest, pool manager, and came up with a few changes that needed to be made in the pool policies, which were shared with the board. Items discussed were air temperature requirement will be left at 68 degrees and there will not be a minimum water temperature. A babysitter/nanny pool pass will be added and the number of adults on a family pass will be limited to two and children on a family pass will be limited to four between the ages of 3 and 19. Supervision requirements for youth was also discussed and adjusted to the following: Children age 5 and under must be accompanied and constantly supervised by an adult within arm's length. Youth ages 6-10 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult or a responsible person of at least 14 years of age.

Anyone age 14 and older who is supervising a 6-10 year old must have a permission/emergency contact form filled out and returned to the swimming pool. Every person entering the pool gates during open swim must pay or have a valid season pass. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Poduska to approve the changes and updates to the pool policies discussed tonight. Carried all.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Master Parks Plan and recommending final document to Council for adoption. Poduska has updated the plan after revisions discussed at the last meeting. Siders explained that a public hearing was not required by Parks and Recreation but suggested an open house to get the plan out to the public. Board members felt that attendance at an open house would not be good. After discussion it was decided to put out a press release and invite the public to the next Parks and Recreation board meeting to receive community input, which will be held on May 17, 2016. After this meeting, the Parks and Recreation Board will make a motion to send the plan on to City Council for approval. Motion made by Poduska, seconded by Hoffmann to table action on the Master Parks Plan until the next meeting on May 17, 2016. Carried all.
7. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). None.
8. Old Business. Volunteers are needed for Chalk the Walk.
9. New Business.
10. Motion made by Wiebel, seconded by Poduska to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.